

Promotion of low cost airlines

572. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the market share of various airlines according to Government record;
- (b) whether it is a fact that low cost airlines are ruling the aviation business;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government are taking any steps to encourage these low cost airlines by reducing taxes and providing exemptions;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether this step will help common man to fly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The market share of domestic schedule passenger airlines during Jan-Oct., 2006 are as under:

Indian Airlines	22.2
Jet Airways	32.3
Sahara Airlines	8.8
Deccan Aviation	17.9
Kingfisher Airlines	8.4
Spice Jet	6.7
Paramount	0.6
Go Airlines	2.4
Indigo	0.7

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) to (f) The Government policy does not make any distinction between airlines on the basis of their business model and endeavours to provide a level playing field to all airlines.